

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2013, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan Gardner, Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine S. Hall.

Chairman Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor Approved Claims for Payment for October 2, 2013, through October 15, 2013
- Consideration of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2013, and October 1, 2013
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property
- Consideration of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes
Herb & Wendy Basso, S/N SC-8-B
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement (3):
Eliot & Linda Hill, A/N 0853351; Shaun & Mitzi Lytle, A/N 0648728; Carolyn Wunderlich, A/N 451339
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinance 2013-1031-O on Saturday, October 5, 2013
- Consideration of Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Washington County and Rural Public Lands County Council (RPLCC) / Robert K. Weidner for FY 2014

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Consent Agenda, with the Exception of Item (h), Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Washington County and Rural Public Lands County Council (RPLCC), which shall be moved to the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by

unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Consideration of Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Washington County and Rural Public Lands County Council (RPLCC) / Robert K. Weidner for FY 2014

Commissioner Gardner explained that Robert K. Weidner acts as a lobbyist in Washington, D.C. on behalf of Washington County, specifically land-use issues. Commissioner Drake commented that Mr. Weidner's annual fee has been the same for more than six (6) years but questioned whether the increase from twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) (twenty percent) is reasonable. He suggested changing the amount from thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) as a compromise.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Reduce the Annual Invoice from Robert K. Weidner/Rural Public Lands County Council (RPLCC) from Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to Twenty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$27,500). Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL

Washington County Volunteer Center Director Carol Hollowell introduced Dottie Taylor, a volunteer who serves as a foster grandparent, reading to first-graders in a local school. Ms. Taylor also volunteers in her church but said that her favorite pastime is reading to children, one on one, for fifteen (15) minutes each day. She enjoys socializing with her students and seeing their reading levels increase.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Darrell Cashin presented the Search and Rescue report for 9-18-13 through 10-15-13:

- Kokopelli Triathlon, fifty-five (55) man hours
- Lost mountain bikers on Bear Claw Poppy Trail, six (6) man hours
- Para-glider crashed at sand dunes at Sand Hollow, fifteen (15) man hours
- Lost hikers at Red Cliffs Recreation Area, six (6) man hours
- Injured mountain biker at Chuckawalla Rim Trail, six (6) man hours
- Injured mountain biker at Gooseberry Mesa, four (4) man hours

The Commissioners expressed their gratitude, as always, for the service of these volunteers to the citizens of the County. All citizens are advised to be prepared when they go out hiking or biking, with sufficient water and supplies, and to let a family member or friend know precisely where they are headed and when they expect to return.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / MARK BLANCH:

- Geographic Information Systems, plotter \$15,047.00
- Habitat Conservation Plan, herbicide, planting \$ 20,000.00
- Regional Park, power harrow \$21,500.00
- Sheriff's Office, helicopter charges \$10,000.00

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

Commissioner Drake asked that in the future, all purchase requests specify clearly what the charges are, rather than showing "Miscellaneous Charges."

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Requests, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1757, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2013 BOND ELECTION

Clerk-Auditor Kim Hafen said that the Washington County School District has requested that the County Clerk's Office administer the Bond Election for a payment of six thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500.00).

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1757, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of An Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County And The Washington County School District Regarding The Administration Of The School District's 2013 Bond Election. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1758, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES IN

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Withdraw Consideration of Resolution No. R-2013-1758, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of Interlocal Agreements Between Washington County And Various Municipalities In Washington County Regarding The Administration Of The 2013 Municipal Election. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1759, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE SHIVWITS BAND OF THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH REGARDING THE RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CONNECTOR ROAD BETWEEN THE GUNLOCK HIGHWAY AND THE JACKSON/MOTOQUA ROAD

Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead said that his office has been working with the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah to repair the crossing on the connector road and save people time when crossing the reservation on the south portion of the Motoqua Road. Once the agreement is signed by the Tribal Council after its meeting, the project will go out to bid.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2013-1759, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of An Interlocal Agreement Between Washington County And The Shivwits Band Of The Paiute Indian Tribe Of Utah Regarding The Restoration And Maintenance Of A Connector Road Between The Gunlock Highway And The Jackson/Motoqua Road. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Drake commended Commissioner Gardner on his excellent work in securing the re-opening of the national parks which had been closed due to the government shutdown. The closures had created a severe economic hardship on neighboring communities in lost tourist revenues.

Chairman Eardley asked that he and Commissioner Drake be re-appointed to the Administrative Control Board of the Specially Funded Transportation Special Service District. On that Board are three (3) other positions. One member has resigned. The other

members' terms expire at the end of the year. Only one of those members is interested in serving a second term. The vacancies will be advertised according to the Code, with appointments to be made at the December 3, 2013, County Commission meeting.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Re-Appoint James Eardley and Dennis Drake as Members of the Administrative Control Board on the Specially Funded Transportation Special Service District. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Mr. Whitehead reported on current projects in the County:

- The crossing on the Motoqua Road is a Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) project which is on hold while the government is shut down.
- There is a project in Santa Clara that is waiting on action from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- River projects are waiting on approval from the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- The Road Department has some ground asphalt from the Arizona Department of Transportation and the department is trying to spread it around on as many county roads as possible, but the supply is limited

Mr. Whitehead asked for Commission approval on a road service agreement with Rockville. Occasionally, small municipalities that are unable to maintain their roads without purchasing extensive equipment and supplies ask the County to maintain the roads and reimburse the County for the costs involved. In this instance, Rockville has asked for that assistance.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Ratify the Road Service Agreements with Rockville Town Referred to Above. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner, and Drake voting aye.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS:

Review of Actions Taken by the Washington County Planning Commission on 10-8-13:

Conditional Use Permit Extension - Review request to install a proposed 100' lattice tower within the RA-1 zone on land owned by Theresa Haury (Robert Tripp) in Veyo. Parcel 7140-A-1-N-NW. Intellisites LLC/Debbie DePompei, applicant. *Unanimously approved by Planning Commission*

Conditional Use Permit Extension - Review request for a gravel pit located east of Highway 91 in Section 2, T43S, R18W, SLBM, in the OSC-20 zone. Kay Jean Mathews-Hale/Red Rock Warriors, Inc., applicants. *Unanimously approved by Planning Commission*

Conditional Use Permit - Request for Gooseberry Mesa Yurts located on Gooseberry Mesa; Parcel 3216-3-C-NP-HV, zoned OST-20; Gooseberry Mesa LLC/Kenny Jones, applicants. *Unanimously approved by Planning Commission subject to approval of the Ordinance by the County Commission*

Public Hearing/Amended Plat - Request to Amend Dixie Deer Estates Phase 3 plat; request to make lots 46, 47, 48 and 49 into two (2) lots, zoned FR-0.5; Brenda and Brad Kohler, applicants. *Unanimously approved by Planning Commission*

Request A Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN